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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Certain Corrosion-Resistant Steel Products from the People's Republic of China: Negative Final Determination of Circumvention Involving Guatemala

AGENCY: Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (Commerce) determines that imports of certain corrosion-resistant steel products (CORE), completed in Guatemala using carbon hot-rolled steel (HRS) and/or cold-rolled steel (CRS) flat products manufactured in the People's Republic of China (China), are not circumventing the antidumping duty (AD) and countervailing duty (CVD) orders on CORE from China at this time.

DATES: Applicable [INSERT DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE *FEDERAL REGISTER*].

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On February 18, 2020, Commerce published in the *Federal Register* its preliminary determination¹ that imports of CORE completed in Guatemala are not circumventing the *China*

¹ See *Certain Corrosion-Resistant Steel Products from the People's Republic of China: Negative Preliminary Determination of Circumvention Involving Guatemala*, 85 FR 8840 (February 18, 2020) (*Preliminary Determination*) and accompanying Preliminary Decision Memorandum.

CORE Orders at this time.² A summary of events that occurred since Commerce published the *Preliminary Determination*, as well as a full discussion of the issues raised by parties for this final determination, may be found in the Issues and Decision Memorandum.³ The Issues and Decision Memorandum is a public document and is on file electronically via Enforcement and Compliance's Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Centralized Electronic Service System (ACCESS). ACCESS is available to registered users at <https://access.trade.gov>. In addition, a complete version of the Issues and Decision Memorandum can be accessed directly at <http://enforcement.trade.gov/frn/>. The signed and the electronic versions of the Issues and Decision Memorandum are identical in content.

Scope of the Orders

The products covered by these orders are certain flat-rolled steel products, either clad, plated, or coated with corrosion-resistant metals such as zinc, aluminum, or zinc-, aluminum-, nickel- or iron-based alloys, whether or not corrugated or painted, varnished, laminated, or coated with plastics or other non-metallic substances in addition to the metallic coating. For a complete description of the scope of the orders, *see* the Issues and Decision Memorandum.

² *See Certain Corrosion-Resistant Steel Products from India, Italy, the People's Republic of China, the Republic of Korea and Taiwan: Amended Final Affirmative Antidumping Determination for India and Taiwan, and Antidumping Duty Orders*, 81 FR 48390 (July 25, 2016); *see also Certain Corrosion-Resistant Steel Products from India, Italy, Republic of Korea and the People's Republic of China: Countervailing Duty Order*, 81 FR 48387 (July 25, 2016) (collectively, *China CORE Orders*).

³ *See* Memorandum, "Issues and Decision Memorandum for the Anti-Circumvention Inquiries Involving Guatemala of the Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Orders on Certain Corrosion-Resistant Steel Products from the People's Republic of China," dated concurrently with, and hereby adopted by, this notice (Issues and Decision Memorandum).

Scope of the Anti-Circumvention Inquiries

These anti-circumvention inquiries cover CORE completed in Guatemala from HRS and/or CRS substrate input manufactured in China and subsequently exported to the United States (merchandise subject to these inquiries).

Analysis of Comments Received

All issues raised in the case and rebuttal briefs by parties in these inquiries are addressed in the Issues and Decision Memorandum. A list of the issues raised is attached to this notice at the Appendix.

Based on our analysis of the comments received from interested parties and our findings at verification, we made no revisions to the *Preliminary Determination*.

Final Negative Determination of Circumvention

We determine that exports to the United States of CORE completed in Guatemala from HRS and/or CRS substrate manufactured in China are not circumventing the *China CORE Orders* at this time.

Notification Regarding Administrative Protective Order

This notice will serve as the only reminder to all parties subject to administrative protective order (APO) of their responsibility concerning the destruction of proprietary information disclosed under APO in accordance with 19 CFR 351.305(a)(3). Timely written notification of return/destruction of APO materials or conversion to judicial protective order is hereby requested. Failure to comply with the regulations and the terms of an APO is a sanctionable violation.

Notification to Interested Parties

This determination is issued and published in accordance with section 781(b) of the
Tariff Act of 1930 (amended) and 19 CFR 351.225(f).

Dated: July 6, 2020.

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for Enforcement and Compliance.

Appendix

List of Topics Discussed in the Issues and Decision Memorandum

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